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Individual Contribution Award

Mr. Joseph Steinberger
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Ms. LeAntha Sumpter, (Deputy Director for Program Development and Implementation, Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for AT&L) present Mr. Joseph Steinberger with an eBusiness Individual Contribution Award.

Mr. Joseph Steinberger

Mr. Steinberger has been the SPS System Administrator at DARPA for the past 5-1/2 years. Mr. Steinberger is a retired U.S. Army Transportation Corps/Acquisition Corps officer. His final assignment was as a project officer at U.S. Army Software Development Center – Ft Lee for the Department of the Army Transportation Movements Management System (DAMMS-R). Since military retirement, he has worked for AMS and then CACI. He was a team leader for installation for the initial release of the Standard Procurement System (SPS). He was also a team leader for SPSI replacement which resulted in the current SPS Legacy Integrations and a tester for early versions of the SPS adapter. In an assignment with the Naval Aviation Depots, he designed the software still in use at NADEP-Jacksonville for identifying faults during engine overhauls.

In addition to his SPS System Administrator roles, Mr. Steinberger has played a major role in eBusiness initiatives such as SPS-CAPS integration, SPS service release testing, PDS testing, FPDS-NG auditing and eSRS implementation. Several years ago, DARPA met with DFAS-Indianapolis to implement CAPS at DARPA to remove the need to manually enter contracts into CAPS. In initial analysis and testing with the CAPS team at DFAS-Indianapolis, Mr. Steinberger realized that CAPS requires the Army Line of Accounting format which is different from the format used by DARPA. Mr. Steinberger determined the required transformations and worked with a programmer to develop a program to take the CAPS transactions from the DARPA SPS Adapter and translate the transactions so they can post to CAPS. Since this was implemented, virtually all DARPA contracts with a DFAS-Indianapolis payment office that are '07' and later post directly to CAPS. Mr. Steinberger also serves as the Defense Agency SPS Test System Manager. He has tested SPS service releases 10, 10a, 11, 11a, 12, and 13. When the PDS program was ready for testing, Mr. Steinberger was asked to participate in initial testing. DARPA was one of the first three sites to test and implement PDS. Since then, he has participated in testing all PDS releases and recently DARPA contracts have been the primary source of data used to test PDS contract modifications.

The SPS-CAPS integration has been replicated to other DoD organizations. After the successful implementation of the CAPS translator at DARPA, Mr. Steinberger was contacted by the DFAS eBusiness team. The team worked with Mr. Steinberger to understand the program design. They took the software and have implemented a CAPS translator for many Defense Agencies based on the DARPA program. When working with other Defense Agencies, DFAS frequently contacted Mr. Steinberger to assist them in resolving problems at those other Defense Agencies. Based on his work with the DFAS-eBusiness Team and an understanding of CAPS data, he was invited by a DFAS Black Belt Team to participate in a study to help determine why records suspend or reject when submitted to CAPS. This work helped identify problems and helped increase the success rate for transactions to post to CAPS.